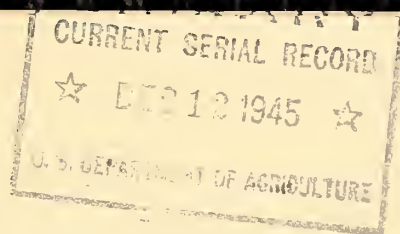


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AGRICULTURE BRIDGE NEWS

From time to time interesting hands played at Agriculture games will be reported. The following hand, recently played at one of the local duplicate games, produced a fine score for the players who made the small slam in hearts. This deal illustrates the value of a fit for partner's first bid suit, and the extent to which distribution will on occasion compensate for lack of high cards.

North Dealer - Both sides vulnerable

	S	H	D	C
	x	A	A	A
	x	K	Q	K
		x		Q
		x		x
				x

KQxxx	S		S Jxx
xx	H	W	E H Jxx
KJxxx	D		D 10xxxx
x	C		C Jx

	S	H	D	C
	A	Q	x	10
10	10			9
x	9			8
	x			x
				x

N: 10; 3H; 4NT*; 5NT*; 6H
S: 1H; 4H; 5D*; 6C*; Pass
(*Blackwood). Opening lead Jack of

Diamonds; a more logical opening lead would have been the King of Spades.

The bidding was quite normal, except for South's bid of 4H over the 3H jump raise. In spite of a most favorable distribution in light of partner's original club bid, the lack of high cards in the shortness and weakness of the heart suit probably made a 4C bid more appropriate. Regardless, North would still bid the slam, and in hearts, since losers in that suit would no doubt be losers at a club contract also.

The play was routine, the diamond finesse being refused, the trumps drawn in three rounds, and after the clubs were run, a spade ceded. The fourth trumps in each hand were then made separately.

(Editor's Note: We know Bridge is a very popular game among Agriculture employees. If you'd like to see this column often or if there is any other activity on which you'd like to have information in the Bulletin, drop a note to the Editor, Employees' News Bulletin, Office of Personnel.)

RECREATION includes all those things which the individual chooses to do in his or her own time-off-the-job for the gratification of the doing.

NAVY BAND CONCERTS

Each Friday evening at 8:30 the U. S. Navy Band presents a concert in the Interdepartmental Auditorium at 12th and Constitution Ave. Government employees have been enjoying these free-admission concerts for several years and they have become very popular; so go early to get a seat.

DEAR GIRLS:

I've been thinking a lot about Christmas and I've decided to make an effort to recapture the good, old-fashioned Christmas spirit. Having Saturdays free I've decided to make my Christmas gifts this year. I'm baking small fruit cakes for my mother and Reuben's mother. This fall I did some canning and preserving, using U. S. D. A. bulletins, so I'm giving some of my handiwork to my married sister as her gift. I've made a dress for her, a three year old daughter. The youngster who lives next door loves hair ribbons so I've bought an assortment to match her dresses and tied them in perky bows. Other things I plan to make that take little time but which make colorful, useful gifts are aprons, pot holders and tea towels.

As you can see I'm going to be busy for the next few weeks, so I think I'll turn the next column over to Reuben.

Love,
Rachel

PAN AMERICAN UNION

The Dec. 9 program at the Pan American Union will feature Senorita Alba Martinez Prado, Pianist (Uruguay). It will be at 4 o'clock. On Dec. 16, a movie, "Cavalcade of the Islands, Central America and Mexico," will be shown at 4 o'clock and again at 5. Commentary will be by Mr. Charles Perry Weiner, Producer. There will be no Sunday program Dec. 23 and 30 because of the holidays.

The special exhibit thru Jan. 3 will be Dolls from all the Americas.

From time to time, lectures are given in Spanish. Admission is by invitation. Anyone wishing his name placed on the lecture list should call National 6635, ext. 28.

Y. W. C. A.

The Employed Girls Dept. of the YWCA at 17th and K St., N. W. has the following program planned for December:

Dec. 11 - Tree Trimming and Carols; Dec. 12 - Job Conference, "Do I Stay in Washington, D. C." (Supper served at 6:15. Reservations or cancellations by Tuesday noon); Dec. 19 - Christmas Party; Dec. 23, 4:50 to 5:30 in Barker Hall - All Association Christmas Program and Carols; Dec. 24, 7 to 11 - Christmas Eve Supper Party (Reservations limited. Call Metropolitan 2100, ext. 21 by Dec. 21, 5 p.m.)

For further information or reservations call the above number.

AGRICULTURE BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION

The Agriculture Beneficial Association writes life insurance for members of the Department. The reserves are invested in loans on the homes of employees and in government bonds. A number of you returning veterans who are preparing to buy homes will probably be interested in the following information.

Loans are made on the homes of employees secured by first trusts. The rate of interest is $4\frac{1}{2}\%$. Interest may be paid quarterly or semi-annually. Loans are made for three-year periods and renewed. Payments on the principal may be made at interest-payment times in units of \$100. Full information may be obtained from Mr. H. E. Allanson, PISAE, dial 85.

BOOKS FOR RUSSIA

Russian Relief is going to help refill the now empty shelves of Russia's great libraries. Copies both new and second-hand, of the great classics of English and American literature are wanted.

Study of the English language is widespread among Soviet people and they want and need a comprehensive selection of all the great English language works. Fiction and non-fiction, both prose and poetry, which are commonly regarded as classics, are desired. Cheap or forgotten novels, current fiction which is merely a best-seller, books that are

primarily political or propagandistic, text books, juvenile books, translations from foreign languages or paper-bound books are not wanted.

Books may be left at all public libraries, all Brentano's, Washington Cooperative Bookshop, Francis Scott Key Book Shop, Lowdermilk's Book Shop, Whyte Book Shop and the Russian Relief Hdqs. at 924-17th St., N. W., tel. National 4527. Bookplates to be signed and placed in gift books are available at these depots.

1814 N ST. - U. S. O.

Girls, the U.S.O. Club at 1814 N St., N. W., tel. National 0614 has nightly programs in which you may be interested. To participate in the activities you must register in advance with the Club by stopping in at any time and taking with you two small photographs of yourself. In addition to many special parties and dances during the month of December the following regular program will be held: Mondays, 8 p.m. - Commercial Art Class, Bridge Club; Tues., 8 p.m. - Shell Jewelry Class; Wed., 8 p.m. - Clay Modeling Class, Dance; Thurs. 8 p.m. - Dancing Class; Sat. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. - Dance; Sunday - Coffee hour, 10 a.m. to 12; Sight-seeing tour, 1:30; Tea Dance, 3 to 6; Buffet Supper, 6 to 9, Dance, 8 to 11

DANCES

Girls, Register for the Fort
Dance Dates by calling ext. 3005.

SAFETY FIRST

Everyone in USDA is moving, as you well know. Unless each of us is careful, personal injuries may result which might be very painful. When lifting, be sure to lift with your leg muscles; make allowances for the bulk of a load as for its weight; watch where you step, especially on stairways. You are not expected to lift especially heavy loads; leave them to employees who have the training and equipment.

STATE SOCIETIES

Ohio State Alumni will hold its annual banquet December 10, 7:30 p.m. at Hotel 2400. For reservations, write T. E. Davis, 412 Southern Bldg, Wash. 5, D. C. Dances this month:

Dec. 11 - MASSACHUSETTS	-	Wardman Pk.
Dec. 12 - WISCONSIN	-	Shoreham
Dec. 15 - N. CAROLINA	-	Shoreham
Dec. 15 - 7. VIRGINIA	-	Shoreham
Dec. 19 - NEW YORK	-	Shoreham
Dec. 28 - KENTUCKY	-	Willard

WEEK-END TOURS

Mrs. Thompson's week-end tours have been enjoyed by a number of Agriculture employees. Two tours to New York City are scheduled for the first part of the year. On January 25, there will be a trip featuring theatre and opera tickets. Another group will leave February 21 at 5 o'clock to spend George Washington's Birthday and the week-end in New York. Make reservations early. Call Mrs. Thompson, Robert 6857.

TRANSPORTATION

The word's going around that a number of people are going home during the forthcoming holidays. That means public transportation will be greatly overcrowded. If you're driving your own car and have space to take another Agriculture employee who is going your way wouldn't you register with Personnel Relations? Call ext. 3105 and give the number of persons you can accommodate and the time of your departure.

WANTS RIDE

Miss Giesler, 2415 Good Hope Rd., S. E., ext. 4938
 Mrs. Johnson, 1509 Lawrence St., N. E., ext. 2316
 Miss Paulsen, 1277 Brentwood Rd., N. E., ext. 2039
 Mrs. Arste, 15th & Girard St., N. W., ext. 5170
 Mr. Cooper, 1301 - 15th St., N. W., ext. 4109
 Mrs. Jenkins, 5th & Gallatin St., N. W., ext. 2424
 Mrs. Ferry, 802 1/2 Eastern Ave., Silver Spring, Md., ext. 5291
 Mrs. Pence, 314 E. Mason Ave., Alexandria, Va., ext. 2772
 Miss Lyles, Commonwealth Ave. & Monroe St., Alexandria, Va., ext. 5456

WANTS RIDE OR RIDE
 Mr. Moser, 4811 - 30th St. S., Arlington, Va., ext. 2023

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found Dept. is located in room 24 Administration Bldg.